

# THE ROUGH RIDER

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## The Service Roll

A/c William Swinart, '41, has been home on a ten day furlough, the first he has had since entering the service. Having finished his pre-flight training in Santa Anna, Cal., he is being given advanced training at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Cpl. John Kennedy, '41, has notified his parents of his safe arrival in England.

Seaman 2/c Joseph Wyese sent word to his parents that he has arrived in Australia from New Guinea. He is working in the Registered Publication Issuing Office.

Seaman 2/c Ralph Smith is studying aerography at the U. S. Naval Station, Lakehurst, N. J. His wife, the former Jane Comstock, and their son Anthony are joining him there.

1st Lt. William Bazley has reported to the A.A.F. Navigation School of San Marcos, a unit of the A.A.F. Training Command, for duty as a navigator. He has completed 50 missions in the European theatre and has been awarded the Army Air Medal with three clusters.

Pvt. Ben VandenBelt, Jr., '42, is home on furlough. He has been training as a Radar technician in Canada. His next stop will be in Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he will continue his radar work.

Karl Klaflke, '43, has arrived in England. In a letter to Miss McCandless he describes the country as "the kind of pictures that one sees in technicolor travalogue."

Roy Boyle, '44, has left for Sheephead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will receive six weeks of "boot" training in the Maritime Larine Service.

Bob Schreiner is spending a 30 day leave with his parents. AEM 3/c Schreiner will report to the Naval Air Station at Minneapolis, Minn., for six months' duty, following the expiration of his leave. He has seen action in the invasion of Africa, in the North and South Atlantic, and in the Pacific theater of war.

Norman Abercrombie, navigator with the Eighth Air Force, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. 1st Lt. Abercrombie has participated in bombing attacks against the industrial targets in Germany, attacks on airfields, bridges, supply dumps, and gun emplacements according to the report from the Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.

## Legion To Sponsor Oration Contest

This year, the American Legion Post of Ypsilanti is sponsoring an oration contest for high school students. The theme for the oration is to be patriotism or the United States Constitution. The Roosevelt victor will be awarded a \$25 War Bond by the school and will have the opportunity to compete against students of Lincoln and Central High Schools. Although orations on the Constitution have been written in past years, this is the first year Roosevelt orators will enter the competition. The local contest will be held the week of Feb. 12-16.

## Elizabeth McCricket R. H. S. Sixth War Loan Sales Exceed Passes Away Nov. 25 \$30,000 Quota; Ninth Grade Heads Drive

## Sophomores Present Dick McElroy, Chairman, Christmas Party Presents H.R. Gallants

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### To the Boys and Girls of Roosevelt School:

You all know what your Miss McCrickett is thinking—She is saying, Thank you, my dear friends—Boys and girls were always the closest to her heart and she will always be right there in Roosevelt School with you.

Please accept my personal gratitude for all you have done.

Ethel McCrickett.

## First Grade Presents Assembly For 50th Anniversary of Gift House

To observe the 50th anniversary of the expanded Giant Stocking project. The Gift House, Miss Eleanor Weston's first grade pupils again presented their annual elementary Christmas assembly, Dec. 5, 1944. This assembly was opened by the entire audience singing, "O, Come All Ye Faithful", followed by the recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer. The Christmas carols, "Away in a Manger", and "Deck the Halls" were sung next.

Mr. Menzi explained that the elementary assembly had always been given by the first grade. Dean Russell and Richard Drew gave the poem entitled "The Christmas Wish".

The theme of the assembly centered around the fact that there weren't many toys this year and so Santa Claus hadn't a great many things for the children. Therefore clothes would be taken to all the children everywhere. As Santa Claus fell asleep a fairy entered and transformed the scene by waving her magic wand. The Christmas tree became lighted and a sleigh appeared. One by one the toys

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appeared and sat in the sleigh. As Santa Claus awakened the toys were read to leave with him.

The part of Santa Claus was played by Bill Durant. Mrs. Santa Claus was played by Jo Greenstreet. The Brownies were Don Menzi and Phillip Walcutt. Charlotte Harris played the Christmas Angel. The Mrs. Santa Claus' fairies were Alice Smith, Janet La Chance, and Lani Powers. The top parts were played by the following: Jack in the Box, Arthur Baird, Katherine Lownsberry, dolls, French doll, Joyce Hopps, baby doll, Connie Castor, Raggedy Ann, Nancy Wilson; tops, Marion Kerbyson, Kay Striecker; elephants, Clifton Cushman, Lee Curtis; servicemen, Navy, John Falk, Army, Jim Walker, Red Cross Nurse, Parry McMurray, WAAC, Susan Brien, Marine, John Bassett, and Soldier, Arthur Beyer.

The reindeer were played by Bill Aldrich, Donnie Taylor, David Lathers, Peter Graham, Jerre Schultz, Billy Curtis, Carol Myer and Lee Ann Elliott; and the Defense Stamps were Hal Smith, Carmen Brockman, and Herndon.

The sixth war loan drive was officially opened at Roosevelt school Monday morning, Nov. 20, by a campaign assembly. The assembly was opened by Chairman Daniel Mertier. Bill Bain, student council president, introduced the gallants from each homeroom. Each gallant rose and stated his home room's pledge for this drive. The seventh grade is represented by Ronald Lancaster from H. R. 105 and co-gallants Lois Steimler and Gretchen Williamson from homeroom 110. Both these home rooms have pledged to buy a jeep. Homeroom 105, represented by Emil Bair, pledged a field ambulance. The other eighth grade homeroom, with Dean Russell as its gallant, pledged a jeep. The ninth grade homeroom 301 and the cafe have both pledged jeeps and are led by Charley Austin and Herbert Miller respectively. Ninth grade H. R. 111 has Marion Evans and Kay Griffiths as co-gallants and has pledged a bomb trailer. Tony Steimler and Norman Shedd were chosen by H. R. 316 and their pledge is to sell \$2,000 worth of bonds.

A bomb trailer is H. R. 313's goal and Norma Wilkins is doing the job of selling the bonds to reach their aim. Arthur Gibbs represents the other tenth grade homeroom with a jeep as their aim.

The eleventh grade homeroom 213 and 305 have, respectively, Dorothy Savage and Jim Bell as their gallants, and their pledge is one jeep each.

Allen Burrell and Larry Thomas lead the senior homerooms 317 and 315. H. R. 317's goal is a jeep and 315 is out to break the record that they set in the last war loan drive.

Day by day developments are posted in several places in the halls. Norman Shedd and Ted Aply are keeping this record for the high school. Louis Boggs and Bill Pruitt are keeping track of the whole school's sales. Miss Boyington is the faculty advisor.

An amusing sign, having the moral "buy bonds now and be glad in ten years" was written by Dick McElroy. Dick McElroy, Larry Thomas, Jack Minzey and Tom Wilcox played the parts of Margaret Golczynski, Sylia Grierson, Rosemary Ryan, and Marilyn Scheel, respectively, as they will probably appear in ten years.

The assembly concluded with the presentation of a minute-man flag which the school won for going over the top in the last bond drive. Mr. Menzi read a letter of congratulation for our full cooperation in selling bonds. The flag is to be kept over the leading homeroom's door.

The purpose of the program was to familiarize students with their gallants and to instruct and stimulate the participants in the campaign. The drive will last until Dec. 16, which isn't far away, so let's get going Roosevelt!

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## Consider The Gift

Now that Christmas is not too far off, why not start your Christmas shopping? In this way you can see what there is to buy and put a little thought and consideration on the gift you give. Remember that this gift reflects your taste. And remember "it is better to give than to receive". If it is hard to make a selection for your friend or relative, remember you can always buy war stamps or a bond.

## A Reality--Peace On Earth

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. These familiar words are being heard once more. As we enter our fourth year of war, Americans everywhere are stopping to think and take heart from the things this season symbolizes to mankind. "Peace on earth, good will towards men". The start of a new year best expresses the hope of the new world we must build. The principles which it represents are the same principles on which our own government and even Christianity are based, the same things that millions of men and women all over the world are fighting to preserve today. With these principles in mind, we must all do our utmost to help those people fighting for freedom so that another Christmas may find "Peace on earth" not a dream, but a reality.

## On Courtesy

The minute the bell rings, the stampede to and from classes commences. Toes are trampled as the crowd shoves and pushes. But an occasional "Pardon" or "Excuse me" helps to ease the strain.

Politeness is essential whether at home, among friends, or in the business world. No one cares about a rude, uncouth individual. The person who lacks consideration for others will suddenly become aware that he has few real friends. He speculates on what he has done to cause dislike, little realizing that it is something he hasn't done at all.

Politeness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way possible. "Give to the world the best you can, and the best will come back to you."

Mr. Wilcox: Explain the action of New clinic excuse:  
a simple pendulum.

Al Burrell: It don't mean a thing house and the alarm clock was set if it ain't got that swing. "There were eight of us in the for seven."

## Confused Wolfess Reveals Man Trouble

Boys have it easier than girls do! They can look at practically any girl and know that she likes to dance and is a lot of fun and what she is interested in, so all they have to do is be gay and light-hearted, and the girl will be entertained.

But each boy is a case history. If he likes sports, that's what he wants to hear, talk about, and do. If he's bookish he will go talking over his date's head without knowing—or caring much—if she catches up with him.

It's enough to make a girl's head swim—this quick act we have to put on—if we intend to know more than one of the masculine sex.

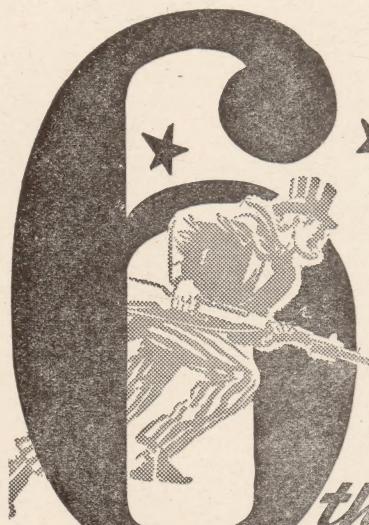
Here is one type of boy I have known: He looks like a good catch, so you try your best line on him, only to find that it has knocked him for a loop. He is girl-shy.

Well if you're still interested, it is up to you to calm down and make him comfortable. Talk about things he is interested in—make him forget you're a girl. Get him to help you or remember something. All he needs is a little ego inflating. If you can do this he'll love you forever.

Take him on as your personal responsibility until he has loosened up. Then it is time to widen his horizon for him.

Just because a boy is shy, it's no proof he's dumb. He may know plenty but just prefers to work by himself. But he can be tempted to take on a colleague if you can convince him that girls don't bide. This type you can love.

## Buy War Bonds



## the WAR-LOAN

### Can You Imagine?

Can You Imagine?  
Marilyn Begole with straight hair?  
Aletha Lauer or Ara Schultz tall?  
Marilyn Scheel with her hair mussed?

Baldy Batalucco with some other girl?

Larry Thomas romantic?

Scott Woods awe-struck?

Mr. Golczynski taking life seriously?

Jean McKay without a temper?

## My Diary



By Freddy Freshman

Monday: Just recovering from the results of report card trouble. My Father! What a character. Feels very low in my mind. Can't leave the house after seven until I get passing grades. Dad asked to see my notebook. He said, "See here, Frederick, what is this 60 marked here at the top?" "Gee," I says, "I wonder if that could be the temperature of the room?" What a character! No sense of humor.

Tuesday: Terrible day. Met a whole flock of seniors on that little stairway. You know that is the Senior stairway. Why doesn't someone tell me these things? Did you ever hear about housemaid's knee? I've got it, and I know I'll never use a toothbrush again. I'll probably have false teeth and never be able to tell the truth again.

Wednesday: I sure don't find it hard to meet my debts. I meet them everywhere I go. Got to earn more money somehow. "What would you do if you had a million dollars?" I asked Elmer. "Nothing" he said. Think he's got something there.

Thursday: Roosevelt School must be feeling the man power shortage. A beautiful senior smiled at me today. If I meet her in the hall tomorrow I'm going to smile back. "Gee," I said to Elmer, "Did you see that slick chick smile at me?" "Uh! that's nothing, the first time I saw you I laughed out loud," said my dear Friend.

Friday: Fun night tonight. Didn't have much fun. I asked a pretty girl to dance and when she stood up, I could hardly see to the top of her head. She didn't look so tall sitting down. I remarked, "The floor is so slippery it is hard to keep on your feet." "Well, really I wouldn't mind if you kept off them." The girls I wanted to dance with I didn't dare ask and the girls I dared dance with were the kind of girls no one dances with. The only beauts some of them ever have are the kind they wear in their hair.

## STUDENT OPINION

What do you think the school should do to help the coming bond sale?

I think we should set a goal like last year's training plane, and then all pitch in and buy.

Ted Taylor '45

I think we ought to have an assembly to inspire people to buy bonds and stamps.

Martha Holmes '46

I think the school should offer a prize to the homeroom having the highest record of bond sales.

Larry Thomas '45

**Dear Santa Claus**

Dear Santa:

I won't ask for very much this year because I know there's a war on. All I want is a red convertible, a small pearl necklace, an insignificant diamond pin with a bracelet to match, and a cheap fur coat, silver fox, or something like that.

Thanking you in advance,  
Nancy Burrell.

Dear Santa Clause:

My needs are light. I could use a boite d'poudre, et voite d'Harmom.

Merci. Monsier,  
Annie Owens.

Dear St. Nick:

My greatest desire this year is a pair of nylon hose-filled.

Dick McElroy.

Santy:

We, being somewhat strange anyway, wish to reverse the order of things this year, and make a gift to you. We give to you the yards of material that we have cut off the bottoms of our skirts, in hopes that you can use them to make gifts for less economical people.

The Sophomore Girls.

Dear Santa Clause:

This is to thank you for the Christmas present which you have already delivered to me. This is the nicest gift I have ever gotten.

Gratefully yours,  
Dolores Himmelstaph.

**Christmas Concert**

Normal College Choir's annual Christmas concert took place Dec. 7 in Pease Auditorium. Appearing in the concert were the Normal College girls' choir of 100 voices, the Lincoln girls' choir, and the Roosevelt mixed choir. The Normal College orchestra also contributed two numbers to the entertainment. These were "Intermezzo" from L'Arlesienne Suite by Bizet and music from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel".

Selections included in the program were "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", and an eighth century Gregorian Chant by John Mason Neale; "In Dielci Jubilo", fourteenth century; "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild", fifteenth century; "A Cradle Song", "Hodie Christus Natus Est", by J. P. Sweenlinch, fifteenth century; "O Jesu, So Sweet", taken from Scherdt's "Tablaturbuck" and harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach; "Glory to God in the Highest", by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi; "Rouse Ye Shepherds", by Robert W. Gibb; "Mary's Lullaby", by Nolte; and a twentieth century composition, "Noel", by Dorothy McLemore.

The program closed with the choruses and audience, accompanied by the orchestra, singing, "O Come All Ye Faithful". The orchestration had been prepared by Donald Carlson.

Officer (very angry) "Not a man in this company will be given liberty today."

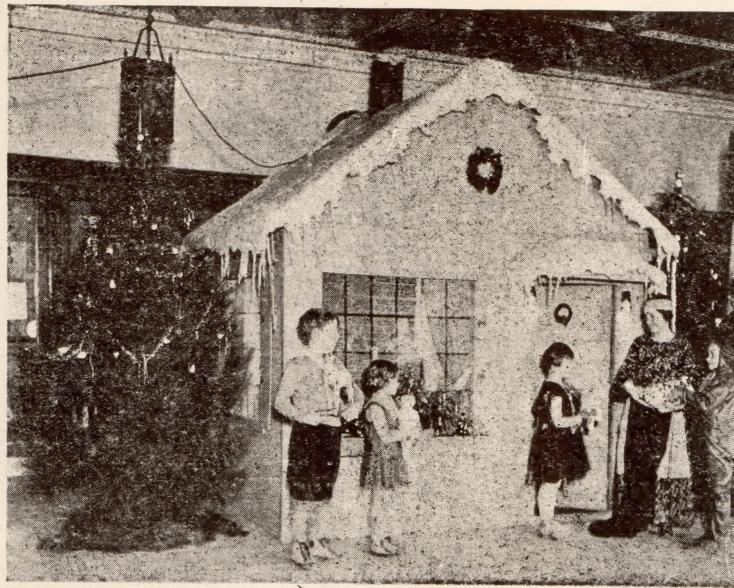
Voice: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Officer: Who said that?"

Voice: "Patrick Henry."

Mr. Golczynski—"What article of food brings down the weight?"

Student—"A banana peel."

**1944 Marks 50th Anniversary Of Roosevelt's Oldest Tradition****The Gift House**

This Christmas season, 1944, marks the 50th anniversary of Roosevelt School's oldest tradition. This tradition had its birth when in 1894 the First Grade decided to make and fill a giant stocking with Christmas happiness for less fortunate children.

This decision was made after their teacher, Miss Margaret E. Wise, had read a poem entitled "The Giant Stocking". That first year Miss Wise herself distributed the gifts on Christmas Eve. The following year when those children had gone on to the Second Grade, they still wished to share in the filling of the Giant Stocking. And so on through the years as children progressed from grade to grade, Christmas time found them, large and small, wending their way toward the Giant Stocking with a contribution of a book, an outgrown toy, a doll, or some article of warm clothing.

Early in each season the Giant Stocking was filled to overflowing, and as the interest in giving increased, it soon became apparent that even a Giant Stocking could not hold the school's well wishing and good will. Miss Elizabeth McCricket provided the inspiration for a gift house to provide additional space to hold Christmas cheer for Ypsilanti's needy. Mr. John Stevens, superintendent of building and grounds for the College, supervised the making and, for many years, the placing of the house each Christmas time. All of

**Christmas Assembly**

The annual Christmas program was presented again this year by the Roosevelt music department. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. William Fitch, played "Gypsy Trail Overture" by Max Fischel and selections from the "Weber Suite" by C. M. Van Weber.

The chorus, led by Miss Lillian Ashby, sang a number of Christmas carols, accompanied by the orchestra. Several of these carols were included in a selection entitled "Beneath the Holly", by Seredy-Tocaben. They also sang "Jesu, Prince" won't let me kall it some of the Nuts!

**We Resolve**

We resolve:

To take it a little easier.

Jones &amp; Batalucco.

To be to school on time.

Bueckers and Wilbanks.

To be less boisterous.

Junior Boys.

To Stay home more.

McElroy &amp; Spencer.

To let the boys do the wolfing.

McDermott &amp; Smallidge.

To get the paper out more often and on time.

Rough Rider.

To tell no more corny jokes.

Larry Thomas.

**Daffynitions**

**Student:** A person who goes to school. He is always present, except when he is absent, and he's never ready for a test.

**Teacher:** A person who is always giving surprise tests.

**Desk:** A place we sit and dream, and sometimes sleep.

**Door:** Something to slam and interrupt classes.

**Pencil:** A round piece of wood about ten inches long, that just will write the wrong answers to algebra problems.

**Office:** Place by which we tiptoe.

**Locker:** Meeting place for the fair sex.

**Test:** A lot of foolish questions we are supposed to answer.

**Clock:** Something to catch closely—for fear it may stop.

**Honor Roll:** Something you read about in the school paper.

**What Do You Know?**

1. To what cities would you go to see the following world famous buildings? (a) The Alham-ba, (b) The Louvre, (c) The Taj Mahal, (d) The Coloseums, (e) The Parthenon.

4. What were the real names of these famous baseball players: (a) Mad Russian, (b) Blown Prince, (c) Duke, (d) Iron Man, (e) Big Train?

5. Has the port of New York 215,393, 450, or 650 miles of waterfront?

6. In what states are the following scenic wonders found: (a) Mamoth Cave, (d) Grand Canyon? Pike's Peak (b) Old Faithful, (c),

**Answers**

1. (a) Granada, Spain, (b) Paris, (c) Agra, India (d) Rome, (e) Athens.

4. (a) Lou Novikoff, (b) Al Schacht, (c) Roger Bresenhan, (d) Lou Gehrig, (e) Christy Matheson.

5. 650.

6. (a) Colorado, (b) Wyoming, (d) Arizona.

Mr. DeBoer:—What has done the most to raise the working man?"

Student:—"The invention of the alarm clock."

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Miss Hunt: "What is meant by Renaissance?"

Student: "The revival of learning."

Miss H.: "When?"

Student: "The night before exams."

Policeman—"Hey, what are you trying to do?"

Drunk—"I'm trying to pull this lamp off the bridge. My wife wants a bridge lamp."

# Former Faculty Member Relates Experiences in English Schools

(Ed. Note. The following excerpts were taken from a letter written by Lt. J. G. Russell Cosper, former Roosevelt teacher, now serving in the Atlantic. It was written from England.)

Yesterday I spent the day visiting three English high schools in this small city. It was an enjoyable experience.

They call the superintendent the "director". He was quite willing that I should visit and gave me letters to two headmasters of boys' schools. I suggested visiting a girls' school too, but the suggestion caused so much confusion in the once I dropped it. I left with the dark suspicion that they were afraid I'd corrupt the girls or their lady teachers. (I found out next day that one doesn't take much interest in girls' education. Several teachers told me that girls are unreliable, women teachers gossip, etc.)

My first stop was the old high school for boys. The thing I noticed most was the cold. Only the head-master's office had a fire.

In the afternoon I visited the new school which was really quite fine. It compared with our better schools. The headmaster talked to me about educational philosophy. He used the term "multi-lateral program" a good deal, and I had to ask what it meant. He was taken aback and said I had probably been in the service for so many years I'd lost touch. Even the Americans must know about multi-lateral programs by now. It means allowing a boy after four years of high school to elect one subject instead of taking all prescribed courses. He may choose between general science or biology to go with his English, French, Latin, or German.

The girls' school was adjacent in a similar building. The headmaster brought in a French teacher who had spent a year teaching in East Grand Rapids to talk with me. The head asked me if it was true that we had to practice yelling before a game. As if one couldn't yell as one liked.

I never did get straight on who goes to school. Entrance to high school is by a stiff entrance exam at the age of eleven. Those who don't pass and there are many, just stay in the elementary school until they are fourteen.

When a student does enter high school, he must stay until he graduates or flunks out. If he leaves for any other reasons, the parents pay a fine.

High school lasts five or seven years. The course is inelastic. All students take English and at least start Latin. They may drop Latin after one or two years if they don't do well. They must take French and several years of German. I saw nothing of sociology, economics, government, commercial subjects. The sciences seem much slighted and the laboratories quite bare of any suggestion of equipment.

A class period lasts 40 or 45 minutes. The time is spent somewhat as follows: several sharp lectures on behavior by the teacher, some stories on British valor or intrinsic merit, a short study period (ten minutes), and a short recitation. The teacher talks 100% of the time



**Lt. Cosper**

and the pupils recite in the time left.

All the work is pointed solely toward examinations by an examining board, and schools and teachers are rated on the percentage of students passing, percentage going to Universities, and so on. It looked like a vicious system. The men teachers thought it poor educationally and some advocated more local freedom. The women seemed to favor it more on the grounds that you couldn't trust many teachers to do a good job without outside direction.

Well mom here I am inn Ypsilanti workin at the Bomer Plant an goin two Roosevelt School an gittin educatshon. Gee alot of funny things hapepn here mom, that i do not kwite understand, tell me, why does that littel red hedded boy Jack Spencer have a great big R for Roosevelt on his sweater, and wear a Dewee pin on his shirt, Kan't he make up his mind. Ann another thing mom, I wint two a football game at Bell-vill to write some stuff for the paper and Al Hertler when Coach Walker sint him inn, left his big red coat on, that he had over his, c-cow, h-heifer, bull, or Jersey! that's it mom, his jersey, I new it had somethin to do with cows. Yes Mom he did that and none of the other guys had one on, Mom I never have been able to figgur it out, was he exited or jest cold.

An two topp it all off mom, their is a boy here b ythe name of pete bailes that taut me a new game, first yew take a coin out of yor then let it drop inn the other hand, poket an toss it in the air, yew an take a good look at it sos yew kan tell what it is. Then yew put it on the back of yor other hand, I seen him peek at mine but I dont no what hes got, so I guess everything is O.K. The only thing I kant understand is why he time. Mom should I stop now an give him my paycheck next week, or keep on an you send me more in hopes my luck will change.

Your lovin (gittin edukated) son,  
INSCENSE ABLE.

## At The Keyhole

We give credit to underclassmen Francisca Isbell and Margaret Miller, for snagging a couple of males. (And isn't it hard these days, too?)

Have you seen that medal hung around Jeanette Wallace's neck? So have we, the front of it. But just try to get a glimpse of the back. Couldn't be Bruce Pester's could it, or are we jumping to conclusions?

They'll do it every time! The sophomore claus, we mean. In '43 it was the soph girls who went with senior boys and now Jerry Connolly and Bill Ryan, seem to be doing right well with Sylvia Grierson, Margaret Golczynski, and Rosemary Ryan.

Ah, and that reminds me, do you think Margie will have some time to do her homework now that she isn't corresponding with a certain man in the Navy?

How do some people rate! We saw Jeannie Newlands t'other nite with not one, but two of those hard-to-get males.

Hear that Barbara, Jack, Connie, and Whitey were late to school one afternoon recently. Music lessons, no doubt.

What's this about Sylvia Grierson (haven't we mentioned her once before?) and Daryl Chamberlain? Must be love if all reports are true.

We wonder which senior boy whose name is Bill Bair has been seen "talking" with which junior girl whose name is Connie Jones.

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What if:

Bill were a wilf instead of a Bair?

Al were a high-jumper instead of a Hertler?

Dorothy were civilized instead of a Savage?

Jim were a thumb tack instead of a Spike?

Voncil were a prune instead of an Appl?

Alden were a smoocher instead of a Parker?

Barbara were Bella Vista instead of Warner?

Mary were a caterpillar instead of a Leech?

Pete came in bundles instead of in Bailes?

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Was it you who dared to walk where underclassmen fear to tread? If so, you probably know now the correct method of washing stairs, or were you the one who had to push a ball up them with your nose?

Was it you who accidentally hit Miss Robinson in the eye with the top of a dixie cup?

Was it you who felt so undernourished that you resorted to eating mercury followed by a big dose of castor oil?

Deer Mom

## A Critical Moment

By M. MARTIN

I was seven years old. It was a sunny morning in May—no hint of tragedy, no premonition of coming disaster. My mother went her rounds of dishes and floors. My Day was mending a harness-stap on the back porch. Brother and I were playing under the spruce trees.

Suddenly Father looked up the road. His attitude changed. A sinister frown grew on his forehead. He rose hastily, went into the house. Mother asked quickly: "John. What is it?"

"It's he," Father answered excitedly. She grew pale. Dad called us in and made us go into the bedroom. He signaled Mother to retire, but she refused. I peeked from the window. A tall figure was striding up the road. He looked forbidding, ominous. It was the man my father hated. It was the man that we, too, were learning to hate. Ever since our earliest childhood he had been our worst enemy, merciless, unscrupulous. What could he want?

Father strode to a dresser, took something from a drawer. He put it into his pocket. "I'm ready for him," he said grimly.

There was the sound of steps on the porch. A hard hand knocked loudly on the door.

Father opened it silently, tensely. The man strode in. Without invitation he sat down, facing father. On his face was a look of gloating triumph.

"I've come," he said evenly, "for the rent."

## Homeroom 315 Gives Ideas of Perfect Lady, Gentleman

Two of the many intellectual subjects that are discussed in home room 315 are the qualities of the perfect gentleman and the most desirable lady. We are mildly interested when we find who suggests the various qualities.

For instance: Dick Wright feels that a gentleman should be a wolf with patience. Ara Schultz asks that they be courteous. Ruthmary Wilbanks feels that promptness and attentiveness are to be desired. Gwen Thompson suggests neatness, and Larry Thomas friendliness. Jack Spencer winds up a gentleman's qualities with trustfulness.

Mr. Gildenstein wants his lady to be sincere. Dick Wright wants all ladies to be prompt. Larry Thomas feels that character is a mighty big must. Allan Hertler wants some cheerfulness while Leonard Herrst asks that ladies as well as gentlemen be attentive. Ruthmary Wilbanks asks that those who wish to be ladies put on the non-skids and show a bit of reserve.

If you are anxious to become a lady or a gentleman, may I bid you heed the above paragraphs and act accordingly?

Biology class: Mr. Golczynski—"What is density?" Student—"I can't define it, but I can give you a good illustration."

Mr. G.—"The illustration is good. Sit down."

**News Notes**

Dolores Himmelbach, class of '45, has recently announced her engagement to Alwin Wild of Ann Arbor, now serving in the armed forces.

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Roosevelt finished its first nine weeks of school with a surprisingly good attendance record. Out of a total enrollment of 449 students, 133 had perfect records. This means that 21.6 of the student body had been neither late nor tardy in that period of time.

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Ypsilanti passed its quota of \$50,000 by nearly \$4,000 in the 1944 Community War Chest drive. Ypsilanti State Normal College raised \$2,909.70, Roosevelt School contributing \$368.50 of this.

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Students of Roosevelt and Michigan State Normal College will be excused Friday, Dec. 15 for the Christmas holidays. They will report back to classes Monday, Jan. 2, 1945.

The engagement of Velda Rorabacher, Plymouth, to R. M. 3/S Robert K. Holloway, '41, was recently announced.

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Roberta Luedeman, '43, was married to Walter A. Rose on Oct. 17, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Boys and girls of the junior high are being given a chance to learn how to knit. The plan was devised by Miss Gladys Boyington. Miss Marjorie Field, Michigan Normal student, volunteered to give the instructions. The students are knitting squares which are used to make afghans and sweaters for the Red Cross. Most of the work that is done will be sent to Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek.

The classes are held Tuesday and Thursday noons from 12:15 to 12:50 in room 108. Any new members from either the junior or senior high will be welcomed.

The 133 members of the ninth grade class recently elected their officers for the coming year. Sherrill McElroy takes the presidency with Tony Steimle to assist her as vice-president. The office of secretary is held by Barbara Stoltz, and the treasurership by Bill Sweet.

Ninth grade classes meetings are held once every two weeks on Friday in the auditorium. At the meeting on Dec. 1, Lawrence DeBoer's homeroom had charge of group singing for the entire period.

This year members of the RHS band and orchestra will be able to earn letters for their work in these activities. A student must have 700 points to be entitled to a letter. A member gets credit for 75 points each semester in both groups. Extra points are given for solos, 25 points, duets, 15 points, and trios, 10 points.

Along with this merit system, a demerit plan has been adopted. Missing a concert which a student has promised to attend brings a loss of 150 points. Tardiness costs five points as do all absences.

Giology class: "I just hate skunks." Class: "Why?" "They put on such awful airs."

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Coach reprimanding football team for not punting out of bounds. Junter explains that his failure to get the pigskin out of bounds was due to the fact that the opposing quarterback was a champion hog-caller.

**All-Girl Orchestra  
Presents Concert**

The Kryl Women's Symphony Orchestra was greeted by an audience made up of Normal College, Roosevelt, Ypsilanti High School and faculty at their performance at Pease auditorium on Nov. 21.

The orchestra was directed by Bohumir Kryl, well-known conductor and interpreter of the great masters. Mr. Kryl has toured the country for the past 38 years with his band and orchestra. When the draft claimed the majority of his musicians, he organized his present group, the all-girl symphony orchestra.

The program included "Overture, Merry Wives of Windsor", by Nicolai; "Waltz Song" from "Pink Lady", Caryl, played by Martha Jochem, harpist; "Symphony in B minor" (unfinished), Shubert, and two violin solos, "Introduction and Rondo Capriccio", Saint-Saens, and "Liebestraum", Kreisler, by Miss Isabelle Lloyd.

The program continued with the "Nutcracker Suite" by Tschaikowsky, "Estrelita" by Ponce, "Curly Headed Baby" and "Songs My Mother Taught Me", Dvorak, were sung by Miss Bernice Celeste, soprano. The orchestra played "Emperor Waltz" Strauss, "Pavanne", "Flight of the Bumblebee", "Stars and Stripes Forever", Sousa, "American Patrol", and "To a Wild Rose" by MacDowell.

**Support The 6th War Loan****Speech, Music, Feature Thanksgiving Program**

The observance of Thanksgiving at Roosevelt High School began with the singing of "America, the Beautiful" by the whole assembly, Wednesday, Nov. 22. The chorus, under the direction of Miss Lillian Ashby, sang two numbers, "Jesus Priceless Treasure", and "God of Our Fathers".

Miss Marian Carey, dramatics instructor of the Albany Public Schools, Albany, N. Y., gave a talk on the "Influence of Aviation on Literature", she began with a Wordsworth selection and brought the story down to the modern ballads and sonnets of heroes of today.

**Novel Dish Gardens Assembled  
For Vets At Percy Jones Hospital****Boy Scouts Plan  
Winter Activities**

Boy Scout Troop 1 of Roosevelt held a Board of Review, Nov. 27, in preparation for the Court of Honor. Bob Wilson is the senior patrol leader in charge of the Scout organization. The Court of Honor was held at Ypsilanti High School, Dec. 13.

The senior scouts of the troop are planning some special activities for the coming season. Their tentative plans include roller skating, ice skating, a sleigh ride, and a dessert luncheon.

Eight boys who are leaders in the troop will attend a winter camp at Newkirk where they will receive instructions in winter camping to pass on to the rest of the troop.

Troop I plans to have a weekend winter camp in the Irish Hills sometime in February.

**Library, English Classes  
Give Book Week Assembly**

The annual Book Week assembly was presented on Nov. 15. The opening part of the program was a play entitled "Off the Shelf" dramatized by students of the eighth grade under the direction of Miss Thelma McAndless, assisted by Marilyn Scheel and Richard McElroy. Those who appeared in the skit were: Lois Beyer, Marilyn Cooper, Rosa Cox, James Dereemiah, James Erickson, Larry Elliot, Jack Arnet, and John Chipman.

The rest of the program was devoted to an original, self-produced play "Around the Clock With the Library Class. The purpose of this skit was to show the school the kind of work members of the library class do. Participants were: Ted Taylor, Jack Minzey, Ann McDermott, Jeanette Wallace, Bill Bair, James Harris, Dick Wright, Phyllis Wright, Jeanie Ann Bell, Melvin Salem, Bob Stevens, Marie Baldwin, Jean McKay, Ara Schultz, Jack Pillsbury, Aletha Lauer, and Miss Robinson.

Stage crew for the production consisted of Emil Bair, Don Dusbiber, and Paul Benson. Several students from the third and seventh grades also appeared.

As the major Fall activity of the Roosevelt chapter, Junior Red Cross, 38 dish gardens were assembled for the Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek.

Approximately 150 seventh and eighth grade students, working with Miss Gladys Boyington and Dr. Martha Curtis and college students in the Science Department, prepared large, small and medium sized gardens.

The gardens were made up of ferns, mosses, and other small plants donated by the college. They were placed in jars, crocks, and flower pots, given by the people who made the gardens. Many unusual effects were obtained by the use of miniature houses, glass, and china animals, and mirrors to give the effect of water. Each garden was complete with the names of the people who made them and instructions on their care. All gardens had appropriate names. One garden, having a hunter's lodge and a glass deer, was called "Hunter's Paradise". Several gardens using cacti, and Mexican figures, had names like "Siesta Time", and "Cactus Hill".

This is the second time the Junior Red Cross has undertaken this project. Altogether there were thirty-eight gardens made this time representing the work of more than a hundred people. A college class, Methods Class in Elementary Science, directed by Dr. Martha Curtis, assisted in the work.

The president of the Roosevelt chapter of the Junior Red Cross, John Chipman, the co-chairmen of garden project, Ronald Wolford, George Menzi, and Miss Margaret Kelly, Normal College student, took the gardens to Percy Jones Hospital Dec. 7, in a Red Cross station wagon.

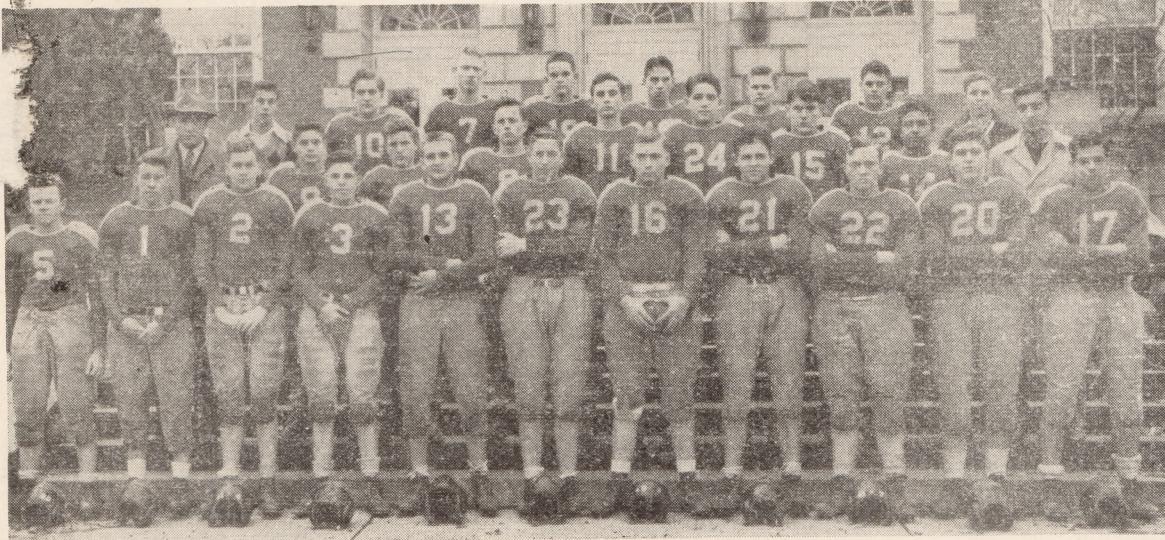
Two pictures of some of the workers, taken by Mr. De Boer and mounted on posters with captions and lettering by Norma Thomas and Sylvia Richardson, were taken to Battle Creek with the gardens.

Visitor in printshop: "What is the rule for punctuation?"

Student: "I sit as long as I can hold my breath, and then put in a comma; when I yawn I put in a semi-colon, and when I want a drink of water I make a new paragraph."

# ROUGH RIDER Sports

## Roosevelt Defeated in Homecoming Game, 13-12



### Traditional Senior Kick-Off a Success

Eleven jubilant seniors trotted off the practice field Thursday,

Nov. 9. The last practice of the football season had ended, and as far as they were concerned, it had been a success. Why? Because they had triumphed in that traditional event, the senior kick-off.

Just in case anyone doesn't know, the senior kick-off is an annual event that takes place at the last practice of the season. The seniors kick off to the rest of the squad, who endeavor to return the ball through the seniors and over the goal line.

As usual, the seniors were slightly handicapped by lack of personnel, being outnumbered four to one. But nothing daunted, they prepared to kick off. Jim Harris booted a long one down the field, and eleven confident seniors charged down the gridiron.

Bob Baker helped the senior cause along by fumbling, but he finally managed to pick the ball up. Then the lowly underclassmen made the mistake of trying to outsmart the seniors. Baker gave the ball to Jim Spike on an attempted reverse. The football wise seniors spotted the trick instantly, and a bone jarring tackle by Jim Harris brought Spike to the ground. The triumphant seniors left the field cheering. The senior kick-off had been a success.

### Pool Team To Be Inactive

Eighteen prospective natators held a meeting with Coach Walker on Nov. 16 to discuss the problems facing this year's swimming team. Although enough boys are available to carry on the sport, the absence of a swimming coach makes it seem unlikely that there will be a team this year. If the swimming team is unable to carry on, it will be the first time since swimming was established as an interscholastic sport at Roosevelt, that the team has not been active.

### '44 Gridders

Reading left to right, Front Row: Gordon Bachman, Larry Bailes, Ted Taylor, Allan Hertler, Daryl Chamberlain, Jim Harris, Capt. Scott Woods, Dick Wright, Leonard Herrst, Bill Bair, and Baldwin Battalucco. Second Row: Coach Arthur Walker, Bill Fiorito, Elmer Robertson, Paul Sutherland, George Bloom, Jack Minzey, Tom Wilcox, Norman Simmons, and Assistant Coach Dick Gabriel. Back row: Manager Oliver Campbell, Norman Shedd, Jerry Connally, Dick Drew, Ronald Jones, Russell Gabriel, Kenneth Thompson, and Manager Keith Miller.

### 21 Football Letters Awarded Squad Members

In a special assembly on Friday, Nov. 17, Coach Walker awarded athletic letters to 21 members of the 1944 football squad. Included in this group were 11 seniors, three juniors, six sophomores and one freshman.

Seniors receiving letters for their gridiron accomplishments were: Gordon Bachman, Bill Bair, Lawrence Bailes, Baldy Battalucco, Daryl Chamberlain, Jim Harris, Leonard Herrst, Allan Hertler, Ted Taylor, Captain Scott Woods, and Dick Wright.

Upholding the honor of the junior class were George Bloom, Jack Minzey, and Paul Sutherland.

Six promising sophomores were awarded letters. These were Jerry Connally, Dick Drew, Ronald Jones, Elmer Robertson, Jim Spike, and Ken Thompson.

One freshman, Norman Shedd, finished the array of football letter men.

The cheerleaders, who have served the school faithfully throughout the season, led the assembly in cheers after the awards were made.

### 26 Cagers Report For First Practice

Monday, Nov. 20, saw the opening of the current basketball season. So far 26 men have reported for practice and a few more are expected as practice progresses. Those who have been working out in the gym after school are as follows: Seniors, Pete Bailes, Jim Harris, Jack Pillsbury, Ted Taylor, and Scott Woods. Juniors, Jr. Campbell, Jerry Gooding, Jack Minzey, Don Noonchester. Sophomores are: Jerry Connally, Dick Drew, Bill Fiorito, Russell Gabriel, Bruce Pester, Jim Spike, and Ken Thompson. Freshmen are: Chester Baird, Alfred Fagerstrum, Jim Ferguson, Jack Flory, Jim Meadows, Bill Pvuett, Norman Shedd, Jack Wilson, Eugene Wolford, and Donald Vest. The student manager is Jim Polly. The only returning letterman is Jack Minzey, but the team expects to get support from Jim Harris and Ted Taylor, who saw some action as Sophomores. The first game is scheduled for December 8 at Adrian and the boys expect to start off the season with a bang by beating Adrian.

### Pigskin Postscripts

With the current football schedule completed, it might be interesting to gaze back upon some of the happenings during the season.

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Baldy Battalucco led the scorers this year with three touchdowns. Chamberlain and Bair were next, with two each, and then Shedd, with one.

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At one time there were fifty-two men out for football. That's an all-time record for the school. The freshmen also set a record by having twenty-one men out.

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There is still some discussion as to who made the best run of the year; Bair or Chamberlain. Both were honeys! Chamberlain's was in the Flat Rock contest and Bair's in the Saline game.

The Roosevelt Rough Riders wound up their 1944 football campaign on Friday, Nov. 10 in an inglorious fashion, dropping a 13-12 decision to Saline. Just to rub it in, it was Roosevelt's homecoming game, and also the second year in a row in which Saline had defeated Roosevelt in the last two minutes of play.

The Rough Riders ran into stiff opposition from the Saline boys right from the start and as a result did not score until late in the first quarter. Then a sustained drive carried deep into Saline territory. Woods carried to the ten yard line, but an end run lost five yards. Then Thompson flipped a short pass to Battalucco, who stepped into the end zone. Bair's extra point attempt was wide, and Roosevelt lead, 6-0.

A fighting mad Saline eleven roared back at the Rough Riders in the second quarter. Paced by a one man team in Dale Hirth, they drove savagely down the field, making short but steady gains. Hirth climaxed the drive by diving into the end zone from the one yard line. The extra point attempt was wide of the uprights, and the score was tied at 6-6. That was all the scoring in the first half.

Roosevelt took the lead again in the third quarter on a brilliant punt return by Bill Bair. Taking the ball on his ten yard line, Bair eluded two would-be tacklers, and was off on a 90 yard run for a touchdown. The joyful homecoming crowd hardly noticed that Bair's attempted conversion was blocked, but eventually this told the story of the Rough Rider's defeat.

The Rough Riders appeared to fought off the Saline attack successfully. But the hard fighting Saline eleven would not accept defeat. Late in the game's final quarter, they drove deep into Roosevelt territory, with Hirth doing most of the ball carrying. Miller scored from the two yard line, and the score was tied. Smith ran around end for the extra point and made it by inches. Saline lead, 13-12, with little over a minute to go.

Fighting desperately, Roosevelt almost succeeded in coming from behind. Chamberlain completed three consecutive passes to Battalucco, Shedd, and Jones. The ball was on the Saline 25 yard line when the game ended.

Hirth played a magnificent game for Saline, while Battalucco played his usually brilliant game for Roosevelt. Jim Harris played a bang-up game at tackle, while Bair's run was the best individual performance of the game. With a few good breaks at the right time, Roosevelt might well have won the game.

| Roosevelt               | Saline    |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Jones ..... L.E.....    | Berlund   |
| Drew ..... L.T.....     | Weidmayer |
| Wright ..... L.G.....   | Anderson  |
| Conally ..... C.....    | Cuff      |
| Herrst ..... R.G.....   | Graff     |
| Harris ..... R.T.....   | Riba      |
| Sutherland ... R.E....  | Schaeffer |
| Robertson ... O.B.....  | Miller    |
| Thompson ... I.H.....   | Wale      |
| Battalucco ... R.H..... | Maihn     |
| Woods ..... F.B.....    | Hirth     |